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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, in the above-entitled application for an additional one (1) month from November 23, 2004, to December 23, 2004

Applicant submits herewith a check which covers the amount, i.e., \$120.00, of the Extension of Time Fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17. If the enclosed remittance is insufficient, please charge any additional amount required to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,

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